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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The President
The White House

NSC Review Completed

My dear Mr. President:

As a preliminary step in carrying out its responsibility under the National Security Act of 1947 to advise the President concerning "the strategic relocation of industries, services, government, and economic activities, the continuous operation of which is essential to the Nation's security," the members of the National Security Resources Board have approved the attached Recommendation to the President on "Security for the Nation's Capital" (NSRB-R-13).

This recommendation is the result of extensive meetings and staff work involving representatives of the Federal Works Agency, Munitions Board, Bureau of the Budget, Departments of State, Army, Navy, Air Force, and staff experts of the National Security Resources Board. Included are suggestions for the initiation of studies designed to provide for both emergency and continuing security for the Nation's Capital.

Although the specific recommendations in this proposal are primarily directed at long-range planning, the short-term emergency aspects, particularly paragraphs 2, 3, and 4, deserve immediate attention. It is the opinion of the Board that the deadline on short-term plans for security of the Nation's Capital should be not later than January 15, 1949, and that the agencies responsible for such plans should be so instructed. Upon their completion, the National Security Resources Board will give consideration to these emergency studies and make a further report to you.

If you approve of this recommendation, and will so inform the other Government agencies involved in effecting this program, the National Security Resources Board will proceed to expedite the program through its interdepartmental committee composed of representatives of the agencies noted in the second paragraph above.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Hill
Chairman

Attachment

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